3228: SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE:

(a) whether the Government is reviewing any proposals to promote Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in sectors such as the pharmaceutical industry which is of vital importance to public health in the light of COVID-19 pandemic; and

(b) if so, whether any concrete proposals are being considered to ensure affordable drugs and other health care products as well as health care facilities to the public?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE
(DR. BHAGWAT KISHANRAO KARAD)

(a) & (b) Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) function under the administrative control of respective Ministries/Departments. All matters relating to revival/ restructuring/closure of CPSEs are decided by the concerned administrative Ministries/ Departments. Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) is the nodal Department for promotion of pharmaceutical sector in the country and management of CPSEs functioning under its administrative control. DoP has informed that there is no such proposal under consideration.

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